

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

THE ALLOWED CLAIMS

The allowance of claims 1-14 has been noted with appreciation.

THE INTERVIEW

The courtesies extended by the Examiner to the applicant's attorney during an interview on November 17, 2003 are gratefully acknowledged. During the interview, the applicant's attorney discussed the fact that the Examiner did not attach copies of the initialed citation lists from the Information Disclosure Statements previously submitted by the applicant--in particular, the original Information Disclosure Statement filed May 15, 2002 and the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed June 7, 2002.

The Examiner told the applicant's attorney to submit new copies of the original Information Disclosure Statement and First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (but not copies of the cited documents) so that the Examiner could initial the citation forms and make such initialed citation forms of record in the file to indicate the Examiner's consideration of the cited prior art.

REQUEST TO THE EXAMINER TO ISSUE INITIALED CITATION LISTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to send to the applicant copies of the original Information Disclosure Statement citations list and First Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statement citation list as initialed by the Examiner to indicate consideration of the cited prior art.

FURTHER PRIOR ART INFORMATION

The Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed new Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with enclosed copies of the cited prior art.

THE DRAWING AMENDMENTS

FIGS. 1 and 2 have been amended to indicate the on-position and off-position, respectively, as requested by the Examiner in item 1 on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability.

Also, as requested by the Examiner in item 1 of page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, applicant submits herewith formal drawings for FIGS. 1-4, and these include sheets 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4. The formal drawing sheets 1/4 and 2/4 are the "replacement sheets" that contain the above-discussed corrections to FIGS. 1 and 2 as requested by the Examiner.

THE CLAIMS

The claims have not been amended, but pursuant to the Patent Office procedures, the claims have been listed in this Response and Amendment.

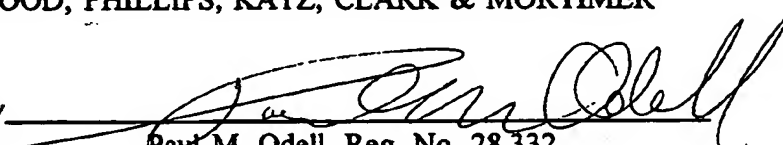
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It is believed that this entire application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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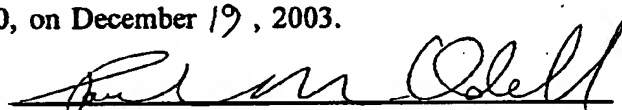
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